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Commissioner for Patents  
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June 2, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 2, 2003, the due date for response having been petitioned to be extended for two (2) months to June 2, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 10, 11 and 14.